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Town of
EASTON
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1991

This Town Report is dedicated to
Edward (Ed) and Bernice Cutter

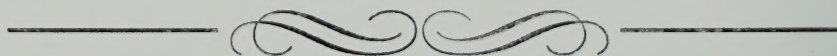


Ed Cutter served as Easton police chief for seven years. He was a member of the planning board. He served as Easton's Forest Fire Warden and was a charter member of Easton's new fire department.

Bernice served as the Town Treasurer for eight years. She served as a ballot clerk and as a library trustee. She is also an active member of the Kinsman Valley Club.

Ed and Bernice will long be remembered for their many contributions to Easton.

We are sad that Ed Cutter passed away on October 16, 1991 and that this dedication for him must be made posthumously. Bernice still resides in Easton.



Town of Easton, New Hampshire ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1991

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

WALTER WOODS	(Term expires 1992)
JOSEPH PIMENTAL	(Term expires 1993)
LEE STRIMBECK	(Term expires 1994)

Town Clerk
BARBARA COLLIER

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer
KIMBERLY DONOVAN

Auditor
RALPH BRIGIDA

Fire Superintendent
LYNN TOMASETTI

Chief of Police
EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator
STEPHEN NORTH (1992)

Librarian
DR. H. CUTLER FALL
(Resigned October, 1991)
HARRIET TAYLOR
(Appointed October, 1991)

Trustee of the Trust Funds
CAROLE HUTTON

Lafayette School Board
LEE STRIMBECK

Supervisors of the Checklist
FONTELLE SILVER (1996)
CAROLYN CHASE (1992)
HELEN SOPER (1994)

Recreation Committee
PATRICIA EVERY
DAVID MATTHEWS

Library Trustees
CAROLYN CHASE (1992)
EUNICE WOODS (1993)
CAROLE HUTTON (1994)

Cemetery Trustees
JOSEPH DUGGAN (1992)
PARKER TOWLE (1993)
(Resigned 4/91)
EUNICE WOODS (1993)
(Appointed 4/91)
ROBERT EVERY (1993)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

LEE J. WHITE (1992)
BILL KENNEY (1993)
(Resigned 11/1/91)
JEANNE DUGGAN (1994)
WALTER WOODS (ex officio)

MIKE GARVAN (1994)
ED CUTTER Alternate
CHRIS THOMA
(Resigned 11/1/91)
JOHN WILCOXSON Alternate

Board of Adjustment

DENNIS FORD (1993)
ROBERT EVERY (1992)
LEE STRIMBECK (ex officio)

DONNA NORTH (1994)
KAY GLOVER (1993)
BARBARA COLLIER Alternate

TOWN OF EASTON

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 1992. Polls will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for ballot voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:30 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (*Ballot Vote*)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,784.00 for general Town operations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,800.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,100.00
Cemeteries	3,275.00
Town Buildings	2,700.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00
Planning and Zoning	600.00
Legal Expenses	300.00
Regional Associations	700.00
Tax Map Update	500.00
Library	500.00
General Assistance	500.00
Contingency Fund	2,500.00
Police Department	3,000.00
Animal Control	100.00
Fire Department	13,708.00
Highway Expenses	13,350.00
Conservation Commission	400.00
Solid Waste Disposal	10,212.00
Transfer Station Plant Maintenance	4,200.00
Solid Waste Collection	223.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Interest Expense - Bond	2,591.00
Principal Payment	1,800.00
N.H. Forest Fire Training	100.00
Payroll Withholding	425.00
TOTAL	\$74,784.00

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,900.00 for oil emulsion and resurfacing of Town roads and parking area.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to return \$2,252.75 from the water system project to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for a perimeter drain and to seal the basement of the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$538.00 for Regional Associations in accordance with the following schedule:

North Country Council, Inc.	\$288.00
Tri-County Community Action	250.00

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Easton-Franconia-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,128.00 for Regional Health Care Agencies in accordance with the following schedule:

Franconia FAST Squad	\$300.00
Ross Ambulance Service	580.00
White Mt. Mental Health	197.00
North Country Home Health	508.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00
Littleton Hospital	250.00
Hospice	112.00

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,933.00 for operational expenses of the Franconia Recreational Program.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to repair the Vital Statistic Book of the Town of Easton from the years 1898 to 1938.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to return the sum of \$5,300.00 appropriated last year for the paving of the Fire Station driveway back to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,300.00 to build an addition to the back of the Fire Station for a meeting place.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for plantings about the Town Commons.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to assume the responsibility of snow plowing and sanding of Kinsman Ridge Road. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenue, if necessary.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, receive and expend, without further action, any grant or gifts which may become available during the year as set forth in the provisions of RSA 31:95b.

ARTICLE 17. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Walter Woods
Lee Strimbeck
Joseph Pimental

Selectmen of Easton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Town of Easton enjoyed a relatively quiet year with no unanticipated major expenses. In accordance with the need for economies in the state and nation a conservative program was maintained and the 1991 tax rate will remain the same almost as in 1990. School costs moved up but the town's cost dropped more than 40% to offset it. A policy manual was developed by the cemetery committee for better control over cemetery activities (see Cemetery Trustees Report).

Easton's new fire department performed responsibly as the newest member of Twin State Mutual Aid association.

The landscape committee met several times during the year to prepare plans for landscaping the town property surrounding the town hall and new fire station. The initial phase of the program should be completed in 1992.

We will miss the presence of Ed Cutter who served the town so faithfully in so many ways. We also take this opportunity to thank all volunteer board members and others who have made contributions to the Town of Easton during the year.

Walter Woods
Joseph Pimental
Lee Strimbeck
Selectmen of Easton

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the reports and accounts from the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Committee, Library Trustees, Conservation Commission and the Fire Department of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1991. My examination was made in accordance with the New Hampshire code of Administration Rules Rev. 505.01 through 505.09 and generally accepted auditing standards as I deemed necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these reports and accounts present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Town of Easton for the year ended December 31, 1991.

Ralph Brigida, Auditor
February 5, 1992

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash Checking Account	\$75,175.64
Cash - Yield Tax	1,573.98
Uncollected Property Taxes 1991	18,888.01
Less Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	(4,000.00)
Uncollected Property Taxes - 1990	2,230.81
Uncollected Resident Taxes of 1991	100.00
Yield Taxes Receivable - 1991	1,306.56
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>78.40</u>
Total Assets	\$95,353.40

LIABILITIES

School Taxes Payable	\$87,348.00
Yield Tax Bond Deposits	1,492.30
Property Tax Overpayment	920.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	501.17
Accounts Payable	352.45
Interest on Long Term Debt	300.00
Unexpended Funds, Article 12, 1990 - Oil Burner Repair	150.00
Unexpended Funds, Article 13, 1990 - Town Hall Water System	2,252.75
Unexpended Funds, Article 15, 1991 - Vital Statistic Book Repair	176.00
Unexpended Funds, Article 16, 1991 - Resurface Fire House Driveway	<u>5,300.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$98,792.67
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Deficit)	\$ 3,439.27

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated <u>1991</u>	Actual <u>1991</u>	Estimated <u>1992</u>
Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 1,500.00
Yield Taxes	8,000.00	10,663.00	6,000.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	1,000.00	1,742.00	1,500.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
Business Licenses and Permits	100.00	6.00	20.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	23,000.00	20,289.00	20,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees & Dogs	200.00	566.00	400.00
From Federal Government:			
Other	10,200.00	1,340.00	9,436.00
From State:			
Shared Revenue	1,000.00	2,545.00	1,000.00
Highway Block Grant	3,000.00	3,934.00	1,624.00
Charges for Services:			
Income from Departments	70.00	287.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Investments	1,000.00	3,250.00	2,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	45.00	5,783.00	2,000.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Trust and Agency Funds	500.00	900.00	900.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds	-0-	45,000.00	-0-
Fund Balance	<u>29,416.00</u>	<u>17,639.00</u>	<u>17,639.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	\$79,011.00	\$115,464.00	\$64,119.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Estimated <u>1991</u>	Actual <u>1991</u>	Estimated <u>1992</u>
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,300.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics & Art.	1,600.00	2,179.00	1,700.00
Financial Administration	4,800.00	5,786.00	4,800.00
Revaluation of Property	500.00	510.00	500.00
Legal Expense	1,000.00	1,890.00	300.00
Employee Benefits - Withholding Taxes	-0-	272.00	425.00
Planning and Zoning	600.00	1,537.00	600.00
General Government Building & Art.	2,600.00	2,936.00	7,700.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00	1,321.00	3,275.00
Insurance	1,200.00	4,805.00	3,400.00
Advertising & Regional Associations			
No. Country Council & C of C	733.00	733.00	788.00
Tax Map Updates & Survey	500.00	1,934.00	500.00
Contingency Fund - Officers Assoc.	3,000.00	1,220.00	3,200.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	3,370.00	3,656.00	3,000.00
Fire Department	10,000.00	10,610.00	13,708.00
Forest Fire Training	100.00	62.00	100.00
Art. - Fire Station Add.	-0-	-0-	5,300.00
Highways and Streets:			
Highways and Streets and Art.	13,000.00	16,556.00	19,250.00
Art. 1990 #8	-0-	2,184.00	-0-
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Collection	-0-	-0-	223.00
Solid Waste Disposal	11,162.00	10,469.00	14,412.00
Water Distribution and Treatment:			
Art. 1990 #13	-0-	75.00	-0-
Health:			
Pest Control	-0-	-0-	100.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	1,815.00	2,565.00	2,128.00
Welfare:			
Direct Assistance	600.00	450.00	500.00
Tri-County Services	-0-	255.00	250.00

Taxes:			
Parks & Recreation & Art. 1990 #14	1,507.00	1,966.00	2,933.00
Library	500.00	500.00	500.00
Art. - Landscaping	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Conservation	400.00	400.00	400.00
Redevelopment and Housing:			
Tax Valuation Changes	-0-	186.00	-0-
Debt Service:			
Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	-0-	-0-	1,800.00
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	1,740.00	1,330.00	2,591.00
Short Term Interest Expense	-0-	1,619.00	-0-
Fire Department	-0-	45,410.00	-0-
Total Appropriations	\$67,327.00	\$128,016.00	\$99,683.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			<u>\$64,119.00</u>
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$35,564.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	
Land	\$ 29,450.00
Building	118,550.00
Fire Station Building, at cost	<u>57,566.00</u>
 Total 1991 Assessment	 \$205,566.00
 Furniture and Equipment	 3,300.00
 Library - Furniture and Equipment	 2,200.00
 Police Department - Equipment	 1,200.00
 Fire Department - Equipment	 22,000.00
Trucks	<u>16,500.00</u>
 Total	 \$250,766.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$13,355,377.00
Buildings	12,374,950.00
Electric Utilities	<u>564,794.00</u>
 Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	 \$26,295,121.00
 Increase in Net Valuation over 1990	 \$ 470,190.00

	1991 Tax Rate	%	1990 Tax Rate	%
TOWN	\$.58	7.84	\$1.01	13.63
COUNTY	1.00	13.51	1.08	14.57
SCHOOL	<u>5.82</u>	<u>78.65</u>	<u>5.32</u>	<u>71.80</u>
 TOTAL	 \$7.40/1000	 100.00%	 \$7.41/1000	 100.00%

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$20,289.00
Titles	74.00
Dogs	259.50
Penalties	36.00
Filings	6.00
Transfer Station Stickers	26.00
History	4.00
Marriage License	<u>33.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$20,727.50

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Collier
Town Clerk

Office Hours

Tuesday Morning
10AM - 12 Noon

Thursday Afternoon
4PM - 6PM

or

By Appointment

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriation	\$ 80,564.00
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>71,350.00</u>
Net Town Appropriation	\$ 9,214.00
Net School Tax	154,384.00
Net County Tax	<u>26,410.00</u>
Total Town - School - County	\$190,008.00
Less Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	1,661.00
Add War Service Credits	1,350.00
Add Overlay	<u>4,887.00</u>
Property Tax To Be Raised	\$194,584.00
Less War Service Credits	<u>1,350.00</u>
Total Tax Commitment	\$193,234.00

TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1991 & Prior - Property & Resident Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies of:	
	1991	Prior
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$	\$18,506.00
Resident Taxes		100.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	192,925.00	
Resident Taxes	1,440.00	
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		
Resident Taxes	120.00	
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes	890.00	
Fractions		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	183.19	1,164.36
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>5.00</u>	<u>19.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$195,563.19	\$19,789.36

CREDITS

	Levies of:	
	1991	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$174,926.99	\$18,506.00
Resident Taxes	1,410.00	100.00
Interest on Taxes	183.19	1,164.36
Penalties on Resident Tax	5.00	19.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property Taxes		
Resident Taxes	50.00	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	18,888.01	
Resident Taxes	<u>100.00</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$195,563.19	\$19,789.36

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Sales/Tax Lien Accounts

DEBITS

	1990
Taxes Sold/Executed to Town During Fiscal Year 5/30/91	\$5,701.88
Interest Collected After Sale/Lien Execution	60.72
Redemption Cost	<u>231.00</u>
Total Debits	\$5,993.60

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	
Redemptions	\$3,471.07
Interest & Cost After Sale	291.72
Unredeemed Taxes End of Year	<u>2,230.81</u>
Total Credits	\$5,993.60

1991 PROPERTY TAXES AND INTEREST DUE
12/31/91

	TAXES
Berven & DeSimone	\$ 645.00
Bilodeau, Raymond & Linda	337.00
Casey, Charles & Barbara	91.00
*Coleman, Elizabeth	198.00
Dempsey, William E.	78.00
*Farhi, Jacques-Jane-Pamela	106.00
*Farhi, Jacques-Paul-Jane-Pamela	74.00
Farhi, Paul	116.00
Farrell, Colette A.	72.00
*Federico, Frank	275.00
Foss, Sara C.	449.00
*Glover, Roderick	294.00
Glover, Robert, II & Katherine	548.00
Greenwood, Christine K.	418.00
Hight, Susan M.	269.00
Hopp, Marion	199.00
Hunt, James & Sheila	452.00

Hussey, Peter C.	84.00
Kenney, Margaret	4,750.00
King, Chet & Ruth	660.00
Landis, Susan S.	124.00
*Lazzaro, John & Cathy	146.00
Locke, Priscilla P.	505.00
McGroary, Vincent	85.00
*McKenzie, Constance D.	1,364.00
*Mountain Valley Farm Trust	279.00
New Hampshire Electric Corp.	245.01
Peckett, Grayden	820.00
Petraca, Ralph A. & Barbara A.	148.00
Place, Vincent & Shirley	698.00
Roberts, John & Barbara	663.00
Root, Heidi, MD	170.00
Schaub, Mrs. F. Carter	333.00
Shepard, David & Alice	1,115.00
Sherburn, Stanley & Lorie	642.00
Sherburn, Robert, Jr. & Kathleen	20.00
Thurston, David & Coralie	248.00
Valentin, Julien, Jr.	639.00
Varieur, Wilfred R. & Karen M.	11.00
Wetzel, John & Elizabeth	152.00
*White, Richard, III	72.00
Winter, Richard	163.00
Zalesky, Linda	131.00
Totals	<u>\$18,888.01</u>

*Taxes paid after 12/31/91

1991 Resident Taxes Due 12/31/91

		Penalty
Kenney, John, Jr.	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00
*King, Chester	10.00	1.00
*King, Jennie	10.00	1.00
*King, Ruth	10.00	1.00
McKenzie, Joel	10.00	1.00
Moody, James	10.00	1.00
Sherburn, Lorie	10.00	1.00
Sherburn, Stanley	10.00	1.00
Treuman, Laura	10.00	1.00
Valentin, Julien	10.00	1.00
Totals	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

*Taxes paid after 12/31/91

Respectfully submitted,
Fontelle A. Silver
Tax Collector

YIELD TAX BOND ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1991	\$ -0-
Bond Receipt - R. Leveille	6,212.00
Bond Receipt - R. Leveille	1,492.30
Interest Year To Date	<u>81.68</u>
Total Deposits	7,785.98
Withdrawal To General Fund	5,365.01
Withdrawal - Bond Exceeded Yield Tax	<u>846.99</u>
Total Withdrawals	6,212.00
Balance On Hand December 31, 1991	\$1,573.98

1990 TAX LIENS DUE December 31, 1991

Berven, William & DeSimone, Robert	\$ 451.91
Place, Vincent & Shirley	502.38
Shepard, David & Alice	1,122.91
Sherburn, Stanley & Lorie	<u>141.61</u>
Total	\$2,218.81

Above figures include Interest and Costs

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance - January 1, 1991

\$ 93,267.00

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	200,077.33
Town Clerk	20,727.50
Selectmen	128.00
Police Department	18.00
Fire Department	1,687.93
Cemetery Committee	900.00
State of New Hampshire	6,504.67
National Forest	1,320.00
Planning, Zoning & Subdivision	255.10
Timber Tax	8,551.87
NHMA Insurance Dividend	291.48
Easton Fire Department Association	25.00
Rental of Town Hall	75.00
List of Property Owners	20.00
FHA Loan	45,000.00
Franconia Police Department	50.00
Legal Expenses Reimbursement	3,566.33
Interest on Checking Accounts	3,167.64
Stale Dated Check Added Back	<u>81.65</u>

Total Receipts 292,447.50

Total 1991 Selectmens' Orders 310,538.86

Bank Balance - December 31, 1991

\$ 75,175.64

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

Property Taxes, 1990 Levy	\$ 18,506.00
Property Tax Interest, 1990 Levy	792.86
Property Tax Costs, 1990 Levy	371.50
Resident Tax, 1990 Levy	100.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1990 Levy	19.00
Property Taxes, 1991 Levy	174,926.99
Property Tax Interest, 1991 Levy	168.19
Property Tax Lien Redeemed, 1990 Levy	3,762.79
Resident Tax, 1991 Levy	1,410.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1991 Levy	5.00
Returned Check Fee	15.00
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Total	200,077.33
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From Town Clerk:

Motor Vehicle Permits	20,289.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	74.00
Dog Licenses	259.50
Dog Penalties	36.00
Transfer Station Permits	26.00
Filing Fees	6.00
Marriage License	33.00
Town History	4.00
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Total	20,727.50
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From Selectmen:

Building Permits	120.00
Town Histories	8.00
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Total	128.00
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From Police Department:

Pistol Permits	18.00
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From Fire Department:

Liability Insurance Reimbursement	1,462.20
½ of "911" Line	225.73
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Total	1,687.93
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From Easton Cemetery Trustees:

Lots Purchased	900.00
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From Planning Board:

Application Fees, Advertising, Postage, etc.	255.10
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From State of New Hampshire:	
Highway Block Grant	3,933.94
Revenue Sharing	2,544.53
Fire Warden Training	<u>26.20</u>
Total	6,504.67
Timber Tax:	
Ed Cutter	678.85
Robin Daly	266.40
Geraldine Kempton	519.65
Myles Finnegan	147.44
John Block	242.51
Francine Ruskin	976.04
Margaret Kenney	115.50
Raymond Leveille	5,365.01
William Goodhue	97.52
William Bannister, Sr. & Jr.	104.10
John Feenstra	<u>38.85</u>
Total	8,551.87
U.S. Government:	
Federal Oil Rebate	6.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	<u>1,314.00</u>
Total	1,320.00
NHMA Insurance Dividend	291.48
Easton Fire Fighters Association	25.00
Rental Of Town Hall	75.00
List Of Property Owners	20.00
FHA Loan - Fire Station	45,000.00
Franconia Police Department - Hayseed 1991	50.00
Legal Expense Reimbursement	3,566.33
Peoples National Bank Interest	3,167.64
Stale Dated Check	<u>81.65</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$292,447.50

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Bernice Cutter	\$ 97.27
Walter Woods	500.00
Lee Strimbeck	400.00
Joseph Pimental	400.00
Fontelle Silver	500.00
Barbara Collier	500.00
Kim Donovan	402.73
Ralph Brigida	200.00
Stephen North	100.00
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Total	3,100.00
Less Withholding Payroll Taxes	<hr/> 271.46

Total	2,828.54
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Town Officers' Expenses:

MacLean Hunter Market Reports	87.00
Loring, Short & Harmon	85.00
Barbara Collier	501.08
BJ's Wordshop	1,945.72
Postage - Town Reports	125.00
Deposit Slips	22.71
Registry of Deeds	26.80
Harrison Publishing House, Inc.	1,289.50
Grafton County Probate Court	1.50
Sherwin-Dodge	63.00
Fontelle Silver	404.72
Town of Franconia	103.11
State Treasurer	58.50
Russ Towne	94.00
NH City & Clerks Association	10.00
Kim Donovan	29.87
Lyndonville Office Equipment	2.00
NHMA	40.00
NHMA Budget Workshop	100.00
Jim & Barbara Collier	150.00
Joseph Pimental	15.00
Walter Woods	40.00
NHGFOA	75.00
Lee Strimbeck	6.00
North Country Financial Services	300.00
Easton Tax Collector Liens (3471.07 Recovered)	<hr/> 5,701.88

Total	11,277.39
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Election & Registration:	
Harrison Publishing House, Inc.	258.75
Town of Franconia	49.88
Ballot Clerks	165.00
Checklist Clerks	50.00
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Total	523.63
Cemetery:	
J. Cavanaugh & Son	720.00
Joe Duggan	280.00
Russell & Ransmeier	321.30
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Total	1,321.30
Town Buildings:	
Safeguard Business Systems	128.26
N.E. Telephone	320.05
PSNH	256.50
Franconia Gas Corp.	345.88
Harris Energy	758.23
J. Cavanaugh & Son	720.00
Franconia Hardware	23.71
Birch Brook Excavation	270.00
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Total	2,822.63
Reappraisal of Property:	
Thomas E. Walker	509.82
Planning & Zoning:	
Sherwin-Dodge	31.50
Leon White	120.81
White Mountain Publishers	141.75
NH Office of State Planning	50.00
Jeanne Duggan	66.91
Lobdell Association	410.20
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Total	821.17
Legal Expenses:	
Lee Strimbeck	40.00
Moulton Law Firm	1,868.11
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Total	1,908.11
Regional Associations:	
NH Municipal Association	522.00
NE Association of Town Clerks	10.00
NH Tax Collectors Association	15.00
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Total	547.00

Contingency Fund:	
Town of Franconia	672.68
Tax Map UpDate - Cartographic Association	947.43
Police Department:	
Ed Cutter	1,622.98
Shooting Sports Supply	505.00
Grafton County Sheriff's Department	897.75
Town of Franconia	579.98
B. Cutter	<u>50.00</u>
Total	3,655.71
Fire Department:	
Budget	10,000.00
½ "911"	<u>225.73</u>
Total	10,225.73
NH Forest Fire Training:	
Ed Cutter	28.26
Walter Woods	<u>34.03</u>
Total	62.29
Highway Maintenance:	
Bob Peckett & Sons	13,997.40
Carroll Wright	495.00
Arthur Whitcomb, Inc.	81.64
AKZO Salt, Inc.	823.50
Pike Industries	<u>612.00</u>
Total	16,009.54
Solid Waste Disposal:	
Town of Franconia	10,468.90
General Welfare:	
NH Electric Co-op - Relief	50.00
D. McKay Prop. Management - Rent Relief	<u>400.00</u>
Total	450.00
Easton Free Library	500.00
Conservation Commission	400.00
Interest Expense - Long Term	1,330.21
Interest Expense - Short Term	1,619.30

Insurance:	
NH Workers Compensation	558.76
Hunkins & Eaton Agency	281.00
NH Municipal Association	<u>3,965.00</u>
Total	4,804.76
Property Tax Valuation Changes:	
Haberman	176.54
Morgan	<u>9.50</u>
Total	186.04
Map Survey - Cartographic Association	986.80
Fire Department Debt Service:	
Peoples National Bank	45,000.00
McKee, Giuliani & Cleveland	<u>410.00</u>
Total	45,410.00
1990 Article #8	2,183.65
1990 Article #13	74.71
1990 Article #14	458.77
1991 Article #9 - Oil Emulsion:	
NH Bituminous Co., Inc.	618.90
Bob Peckett & Sons	<u>2,381.10</u>
Total	3,000.00
1991 Article #11 - Regional Association:	
North Country Council	232.50
Tri-County Community Action	<u>225.00</u>
Total	457.50
1991 Article #12:	
Chamber of Commerce	500.00
1991 Article #13:	
Franconia Fast Squad	300.00
Ross Ambulance	551.25
North Country Home Health	336.00
White Mountain Mental Health	197.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	181.00
Littleton Hospital	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	2,565.25

1991 Article #14- Franconia Recreation Program	1,507.00
1991 Article #15	
Brown's River Bindery - Vital Statistics Book	724.00
1991 Article #17 - Plantings:	
L. Tomasetti - Grass Seed & Lime	200.00
Birch Brook Excavation	<u>1,300.00</u>
Total	1,500.00
Schools:	
Lafayette	99,390.00
Profile	<u>51,479.00</u>
Total	150,869.00
Grafton County Taxes	<u>26,410.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$310,538.86

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

There were two burials in 1991.

The Town received \$900.00 for grave sites purchased this year.

Cemetery Clean-up Day was held on Friday, May 24, 1991. The Trustees thank those who volunteered their time.

An impromptu Memorial Day service was held on May 30, 1991. The Trustees thank all those who participated in the service. The 1992 Memorial Day service will be listed in the calendar of events in the Annual Town Report.

The boundaries of the Cemetery are uncertain and as a result, the law firm of Russell and Ransmeier was engaged to have the property surveyed and obtain the documents necessary to resolve exact boundaries, record same, and place appropriate markers. It is expected that the above will be resolved in 1992.

A computerized Cemetery program was purchased in 1991. The present Cemetery record books are in poor condition and will be retired to the Town safe for historical purposes. In 1992 all records will be converted onto the new computer program.

The Cemetery Trustees have developed a handbook covering Cemetery regulations for the Town. The booklets will be available at Town Meeting and upon request.

A price increase for lots and Perpetual Care will be in effect as of May 1, 1992 (refer to handbook for particulars).

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Duggan, Chairman
Bob Every, Treasurer
Eunice Woods, Secretary
Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Balance on hand - January 1, 1991 \$ 135.77

RECEIPTS

Receipts from Town	280.00
Receipts from Trustees of Trust Fund	720.00
Grave Site Preparation	25.00
Receipts from Lots Purchased	900.00
Endowments - Perpetual Care	<u>25.00</u>

Total Receipts \$1,950.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfers to Trustees of Trust Fund	\$ 25.00
Flags, Dues, Office	130.60
Cemetery Computer Program	249.00
Printing of Policy Manual	255.00
Refunded to Town from lots purchased	<u>900.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$1,559.60

Balance on Hand - December 31, 1991 \$526.17

Note A - Town paid \$720.00 directly for lawn care to take advantage of early payment discount.

Note B - Town paid \$321.30 directly for legal fees for research of cemetery boundaries.

Joseph R. Duggan
Robert Every
Eunice Woods

Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31, 1991

Cemetery Reserve Funds

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL		INCOME					Total Prin. & Inc. End of Year	
		Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	With-drawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year		
1916	R. W. Young	\$ 100.00	\$	\$	\$ 100.00	\$ 17.18	\$ 7.66	\$ 19.31	\$ 5.53	\$ 105.53
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	100.00			100.00	19.03	7.77	21.27	5.53	105.53
1937	Orin B. Bowles	200.00			200.00	98.03	19.47	106.46	11.04	211.04
1947	Arthur Pease	114.00			114.00	35.76	9.77	39.23	6.30	120.30
1949 & 79	Charles A. Young	300.00			300.00	52.35	23.02	58.80	16.57	316.57
1959	Florence Pease	200.00			200.00	74.99	17.96	81.91	11.04	211.04
1966 & 85	Whitcomb, Tabbutt	600.00			600.00	43.35	42.08	52.25	33.18	633.18
1970	Edson & Harriet Bailey	100.00			100.00	4.73	6.86	6.06	5.53	105.53
1970	Leighton & Doolan	71.25			71.25	17.81	5.82	19.69	3.94	75.19
1971	M. H. & Idamae Bowles	100.00			100.00	19.52	7.77	21.76	5.53	105.53
1971 & 89	Wm. & Alice G. Muser	200.00			200.00	23.49	14.60	27.05	11.04	211.04
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	50.00			50.00	3.86	3.52	4.63	2.75	52.75
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	100.00			100.00	8.83	7.12	10.42	5.53	105.53
1973	L. Gerald Paine	750.00			750.00	111.96	56.87	127.36	41.47	791.47
1974	Everett W. Bailey	100.00			100.00	5.74	6.90	7.11	5.53	105.53
1975	Howard Bonor	100.00			100.00	10.27	7.20	11.94	5.53	105.53
1979	Wm. J. & Lillian Bailey	200.00			200.00	8.36	13.62	10.94	11.04	211.04
1979	Merton Edney	100.00			100.00	8.84	7.12	10.43	5.53	105.53
1979	Clayton & Sadie Glover	200.00			200.00	23.67	14.60	27.23	11.04	211.04
1980	Margaret Wolff	100.00			100.00	10.23	7.20	11.90	5.53	105.53
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultz	300.00			300.00	12.18	20.41	16.02	16.57	316.57
1985	Wm. A. & Carol Bailey	200.00			200.00	7.96	13.58	10.50	11.04	211.04
1985	Stuart or Uncha Bowles	50.00			50.00	3.49	3.43	3.17	2.75	52.75
1988	Stewart & David Bowles	200.00			200.00	7.94	13.58	10.48	11.04	211.04
1988	Beulah Bowles	100.00			100.00	3.88	6.79	5.14	5.53	105.53
1990	John S. Noga	100.00			100.00		6.53	1.00	5.53	105.53
1990	Edward A. Hutton	100.00			100.00		6.53	1.00	5.53	105.53
1990	Gertrude Schulmann	200.00			200.00		13.09	2.05	11.04	211.04
1990	Asa P. Ruskin	100.00			100.00		6.53	1.00	5.53	105.53
1991	Rosemary Johnston		25.00		25.00					25.00
TOTALS		\$5,135.25	\$ 25.00	-0-	\$5,160.25	\$ 632.45	\$377.40	\$726.11	\$283.74	\$5,443.99

All trusts are invested at the Dartmouth Bank.

REPORT OF EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Easton Police Chief, Ed Cutter, was quite active until only weeks prior to his death in October, 1991. Since then the Franconia Police Department, directed by its chief, Bob Malesky has covered Easton and followed up all police matters. The State Police and Grafton County Sheriff's Department have given extra attention to Easton, also. These services will continue until a new police chief will be appointed.

A rash of burglaries occurred in Easton during the spring, summer and early fall of 1991. At that time Ed Cutter rallied the support of surrounding towns as well as the State Police and the County Sheriff's Department. This added substantially to Easton's police cover. The burglaries stopped in the fall of 1991, but no arrests were made. It is possible that the perpetrators were apprehended and held on other charges or left the area. In any case the investigations will continue.

Several candidates for Easton's Chief of Police position have been considered. Bob Every was finally selected. He will start on October 1, 1992. Until then, Easton will be protected by the Police Department of surrounding towns, especially Franconia, the State Police and the Grafton County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

The Selectmen of Easton

DON'T FORGET

**DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY MIDNITE APRIL 30TH. A FIFTEEN (15)
DOLLAR FINE IS DUE IF NOT REGISTERED BY JUNE FIRST.**

REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

1991 was a year of growth for the Easton Fire Department. We have several new members, we have continued to update our equipment, and many members have attended classes to improve their skills. One member has recently passed the Level One State Certification program, and several more will be beginning EMT training in January.

The Department responded to three incidents in Easton, resulting in minimal losses for the property owners. We also answered 12 mutual aid calls. Response time and manpower has been phenomenal, and I would like to thank each and every fire fighter for their dedication and professionalism.

The Easton Fire Fighters Association was formed to support and assist the Department. They sponsored the successful Field Day and Chicken BBQ held in June. Proceeds were donated to the Department for the purchase of equipment.

During Fire Prevention Week we held a mini-muster for the Franconia Childrens Center. The children learned about fire safety while having fun. We also distributed chimney sticks to residents. If you did not receive yours, contact the Department.

We mourn the passing of Ed Cutter. He was a motivating force behind the establishment of the Department, and a valued member.

We would like to correct an oversight in last year's report. Grayden Peckett was inadvertently omitted from the list of charter members.

We thank the people of Easton for their continued support. We are here to serve you, so if you have any questions, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Tomasetti
Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ITEM	1991 BUDGET	1991 ACTUAL	1992 PLAN
Surplus & Cash beginning of year	\$ 6,930.64	\$ 6,930.64	\$ 47.26
Income:			
Donation	-0-	200.00	-0-
Bank Interest	-0-	199.57	-0-
Town of Easton	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>13,708.00</u>
Total Cash Available	<u>16,930.64</u>	<u>17,330.21</u>	<u>13,755.26</u>
Expenses:			
Training	1,000.00	1,037.93	1,500.00
Building/Utilities	1,940.00	1,474.05	1,800.00
Equipment	8,000.00	7,985.96	3,100.00
Maintenance/Supplies	2,130.00	2,950.90	2,200.00
Contingency	500.00	-0-	-0-
Administration	250.00	137.63	250.00
Meetings/Travel	400.00	173.25	500.00
8123-911	-0-	-0-	400.00
Grafton Co. Ans	700.00	1,228.23	1,008.00
Twin State	-0-	-0-	200.00
Fuel/Gas	-0-	832.80	1,200.00
Insurance	<u>1,980.00</u>	<u>1,462.20</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>
Total Cash Expended	<u>16,900.00</u>	<u>17,282.95</u>	<u>13,708.00</u>
Surplus & Cash at year end	<u>\$ 30.64</u>	<u>\$ 47.26</u>	<u>\$ 47.26</u>

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

1991 was a very dry and busy year for the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service as well as local fire departments due to our increase in the number of fires. Our three major causes of fires in 1991 were non-permit, children and smoking materials. 450 wildland fires in New Hampshire burned approximately 150 acres for an average fire size of one-third acre.

Primarily, the local fire department is responsible for extinguishing these fires. Keeping the average fire size this small is a tribute to early detection by citizens, our fire tower lookout system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments.

In every municipality, there is a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens that are responsible for directing suppression action on wildland fires, working with other fire department members under the direction of the N.H. Forest Fire Service to make sure that all fire department members are properly trained and equipped for suppressing wildland fires. Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens receive specialized training each year, presented by the N.H. Forest Fire Service, to keep their skill level and knowledge of forest fire laws up to date.

The local Warden and selected Deputy Wardens are also responsible for issuing burning permits for any open burning that is to be done in their community. In New Hampshire, any open burning, except when the ground is completely covered with snow, requires a written fire permit prior to lighting the fire. Before doing any open burning, it is recommended that you contact your local fire department to see if a permit is required and to save your community the cost of sending fire equipment on a false alarm. Any person violating the permit law (RSA 224:27) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please help your local Warden and fire department by requesting a fire permit before kindling a fire, be understanding if they tell you it is not a safe day to burn and help keep New Hampshire green! Thank you for being fire safe.

ROBERT D. NELSON, Chief, Forest Protection
JOHN Q. RICARD, Your Local Forest Ranger
EDWARD CUTTER, Municipal Forest Ranger
LYNN TOMASETTI, Municipal Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 1991

This past year we in the Life Squad have seen one of our most demanding years. Our Squad has been reduced to just nine members. These nine people have given of themselves beyond belief.

We are all now certified E.M.T.'s and also certified in the use of a defibrillator.

We have utilized money from both Sugar Hill and Easton to offset the cost of a new portable radio and new reflective E.M.T. vests for our protection while at traffic accidents. We also purchased a new Sawz All, for use in extrication of the injured which is also available for use by our Fire Department.

I would like to express our appreciation to Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton tax payers for their continued support of our Squad.

The following is a breakdown of our activity from January through December 1991. We have had a total of 71 reportable runs thus far.

<u>Emergency Description</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fran.</u>	<u>S. Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>Other</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	9	4	0	2
Medical Emergencies	25	17	4	2	2
Rec. Vehicle Accidents	1	1	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	2	2	0	0	0
Misc. Health Problems	10	8	1	1	0
Cardiac Problems	5	4	0	1	0
Alcohol Problems	1	1	0	0	0
Deaths	2	2	0	0	0
Burns/Fire Related	1	1	0	0	0
Pediatric Emergency	2	2	0	0	0
Mt. Rescue Med. Emergency	2	2	0	0	0
Drug Overdose	1	1	0	0	0
Minor Med. Emergency					
No Transport Required	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	71	52	10	5	4

At this time I would like to encourage anyone living in the tri-town area who is a certified E.M.T. to consider becoming a member of our Squad. If you are interested in becoming an E.M.T., a spring course should be offered in the early spring. Contact any squad member for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel N. Peabody, Chief
Franconia Life Squad

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

During 1991, permits were issued for 1 house, 1 foundation, 2 garages, 2 porches, 2 additions, 1 carport, 1 horse rink and 2 other miscellaneous structures.

Joseph Pimental
Building Inspector

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

1992 finds the roads in Easton in better shape as all black or paved roads have been resurfaced in the past two years.

The hill near the Robert Craven residence on Paine Road has been resurfaced with "asphalt grindings" from the Pike Plant in Franconia this past summer and stabilized with liquid asphalt when some of the other roads were done. The surface is smooth and much easier to maintain both summer and winter.

Respectfully,

Robert P. Peckett, III

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash Balance - January 1, 1991	\$147.04
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RECEIPTS

Receipts during the year:	
Town of Easton	\$500.00
Interest on Memorial Fund	50.29
Memorials to	
David Glover	
Edward Hutton	
Elayne Salan	
Jack Sykes	190.00
Donation by H. Cutler Fall	25.00
Donation by White Mt. Garden Club	50.00
Overdue books	<u>1.00</u>
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 <u>\$816.29</u>

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$225.00
PO Box and Key	23.25
New Books Purchased	296.57
Tape Recorder	50.00
Tapes	164.20
Miscellaneous	<u>29.40</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 <u>\$788.42</u>

Cash Balance, December 31, 1991	\$174.91
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Easton Public Library Memorial Funds

Balance, January 1, 1991	\$600.00
Interest Earned	87.59
Interest Transferred to Checking Account	<u>50.29</u>
 Balance & Accrued Interest	
December 31, 1991	<u>\$637.30</u>

Cutler Fall resigned as Librarian in October of 1991 because of relocating to the West coast. The Library Trustees were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Harriet Taylor to fill the vacancy.

Eunice Woods
Carolyn Chase
Carole Hutton
Library Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

As I have just begun my Librarian's position, I am still discovering Easton Library's treasures. We have received a large number of books as donations in the past three months and these are still being processed.

A welcoming and enthusiastic Board of Trustees has helped me purchase new best-sellers, some biographies and gardening books. We have begun acquiring a variety of recorded books just for fun or for those who have difficulty in reading. These include the humor of Mark Twain and George Burns as well as some western and adventure stories.

The Media Van is no longer in service. If you are unable to get to the library and would like someone to choose some books for you, let me know.

The library is open from 3:30 - 5:30 the first and third Wednesday of every month. Please come and visit us.

1991 -

Media Van	74 books
Acquired Books	70 cataloged so far
Circulation	216

Harriet Taylor
Librarian

RECREATION PROGRAM

Summer Recreation Program

Based out of Peabody Lodge at Cannon Mountain, the Franconia/Easton/Sugar Hill Recreation Program provided 7 weeks of activities for over 80 area children.

We welcomed Jennifer Mynter as our new director, Wendy Mitton and Ginny Clark as Assistant Directors and Matt Vaughn, Debbie Daigle and Amanda Jones as counselors. Jean Serino returned as our swimming instructor.

The weeks were filled with hiking, swimming, cooperative games, art projects, folk dancing, sports and field trips. We had a wonderful excursion to the Big Apple Circus and a special day of activities with Native American Todd Goodrich.

Many thanks to the staff and to all of the parent volunteers who helped to make the program successful.

Little League Program

For the first time in many years, Franconia fielded two Little League Teams. Under the superb coaching of Greg Connors, Chris Collman and many volunteers, the teams fine-tuned their playing skills. The result of all their efforts was victory in the All Star Tournament.

Kathy Galligan, Matt Colpitts and Gary Harwood coached three farm league teams with great enthusiasm. Hal Tuttle again did a superb job coaching the "Crushers" softball team. Over 80 children from the tri-towns benefited from these programs.

Special thanks to Jane Hughes and David Sullivan for their years of service on the Recreation Committee and for their dedication to an area baseball program for our children.

Winter Recreation Program

The winter portion of the recreation committee takes care of the Franconia town rink for all skaters. Elementary school age children from the tri-town area can participate in our youth hockey program and recreational figure skating lessons. The rink stays open, weather permitting, every afternoon, weekends and both Christmas and February vacations. Many thanks to all our skating volunteers who gave their time for our childrens' enrichment.

A very special thank you goes to Barry Field and Margo Connors for their many years of dedication to the skating programs.

PLANNING BOARD

This has been a quiet year for the Planning Board. There was one lot line adjustment and one application for a major subdivision which is still before the board.

There was a large turnover in Planning Board membership this year with three resignations and the loss of Ed Cutter whose presence will be sorely missed.

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Leon (Rusty) White
Chairman

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

The Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton Chamber of Commerce has had a fantastic year! It's been exciting to see the growth and unity that has come out of these difficult economic times. With tourism struggling in this trying economy it is most evident that we must join forces to stretch the value of each dollar spent. We have done that and it has worked !

This year we received a Matching Grant from the State in the amount of \$2725.00. This money enabled us to not only print a new, up-dated local brochure for the area, but to see that it got distributed out of state. We printed and distributed all 30,000 brochures.

The booth attendants did a particularly good job of keeping people in the area. They directed tourists to local services and business facilities and helped them find lodging in our tri-town area. They mailed out information in response to both letters and phone calls. This coming year we have a new 800 phone number and we anticipate at least doubling those inquiries. We expanded the booth attendants' job by manning the Tram Building at Cannon 3 days a week. That was possible primarily because we did have Martin Johnston volunteer one day and a paid employee the other two. We really need to have more coverage in that location, but we felt it important to stay within our budget and be assured of having proper coverage at Peabody Base Lodge for the winter season.

The Chamber sponsored the July 4th Pollyanna Days Parade, B.B.Q. and Hot Air Balloon rides. Participated in the Annual Hayseed festival, co-sponsored a Kruise Night at the Dairy Bar and sponsored the largest Craft and Quilt Show in the show's history. We continue to work with other area chambers to coordinate events, work on cooperative projects and serve our communities. This year we are working on a Co-operative 4-color, 20-page magazine brochure with 3 other chambers (Lincoln-Woodstock, Twin and Gateway). We will print and distribute 300,000 brochures. This is an \$84,000.00 project made possible by Matching Grants . . . it received the highest score ever given a grant! We will also reproduce an updated version of last year's brochure to distribute locally, at Cannon and in the State rest areas.

In an effort to promote the tri-town area and get our 800 number in the hands of the tourists the Chamber coordinated a two page ad in Yankee Travel Guide, placed an ad in AAA and the State Hospitality Guide.

The Community Calendar is in place and more and more organizations are utilizing it to promote their event. We send monthly Calendar of Events to over 40 different outlets for free publication.

We look forward to 1992 bringing about an upward trend in the economy and a banner year for all of us. We hope to sponsor or help promote more events in each of the tri-towns. It is our goal to promote a community spirit of UNITY, STRENGTH, and PROSPERITY. Our motto this year was "A Chamber that works together . . . works!" We proved it in 1991 and will expand it in 1992!

We thank you for your help and the support that helps us to make it work.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL Annual Report

North Country Council is the Regional Planning Commission for 51 towns in northern New Hampshire. It was established almost 20 years ago by the legislature to respond to communities' needs for local and regional planning and development programs. As a membership organization, the Council is supported by local community dues which are used to match state and federal funding sources.

Assistance available to member towns includes municipal planning, regional planning, transportation planning, business and industrial planning/development, landscape architecture, solid waste planning, resource management, GIS mapping and public education. The Council provides this professional assistance to Planning Boards, Boards of Selectmen, Zoning Boards of Adjustment, Conservation Commissions, Solid Waste Districts, Local Development Corporations, Non-Profit Community Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, Educational Institutions and Social Service Organizations and Agencies in our member towns.

In EASTON, the Council provided technical assistance to the Planning Board and other local boards.

Throughout 1991 North Country Council continued its commitment to local and regional planning assistance. The year also saw the Council rededicate its economic development program to address the worsening North Country economy, its solid waste program to aggressively reduce the volume of solid waste generated in the region, and its land use program to address the problems confronting the Northern Forest.

In the ensuing year the Council will continue its present course and work program with an intense commitment to local technical assistance, development of local leadership and ability, and the provision of membership services to support community and regional needs.

Persons interested in regional issues as discussed in this report are urged to contact their selectmen for appointment as Council representatives or committee members.

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.

The North Country Home Health Agency, Inc., is a not-for-profit community service agency providing home care and health promotion services to residents of twenty-one North Country communities. 1991 marked the Agency's twentieth year of existence and another year of quality service provision and growth. In 1991, Agency personnel provided 15,781 home care visits while caring for 536 clients. This represents a 21% increase in home care visits over 1990 and a 49% increase since 1989. Many factors have contributed to the need for and the increased use of home health care programs. As a matter of cost containment inpatient lengths of stay have decreased. This has meant that clients are returning home in need of more frequent and more intensive home care. Our elderly population is growing and many of these elderly need assistance and supervision to remain safely at home.

During 1991, the Agency also provided over 50 community health clinics. More than 1200 individuals took advantage of the services provided such as influenza immunization and health screenings.

The Agency continues to work to attract State and Federal funding for local programs and services in order to meet the increasing demand. In 1991, \$283,000 in such funding was used to provide direct home care services to residents in the North Country. In the town of Easton services provided were as follows:

- 22 Nursing Visits
- 42 Home Health Aide Visits
- 9 Physical Therapy Visits
- 3 Volunteer Social Service Visits

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the community, clients, their families and our staff for their participation in Agency programs and look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Presby
Executive Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Last year at this time we were optimistic about the possibility that the town would be the recipient of a 300+ acre conservation easement. Though much time was invested in this project, I am sorry to report that, for a variety of reasons, it did not work out. I think the conservation commission learned a lot from this experience and, should state monies become available again, it is our hope that a more favorable outcome will prevail.

We have seen a lot of logging in Easton in this last year which has resulted in some rather gross violations of NH State Wetlands regulations. The continued noncompliance with established regulations could translate into serious problems in the future. I think we can all agree that sometimes compliance can be aggravating; just another layer of bureaucratic red tape. Enforcement is particularly uncomfortable; however, the town must decide if it wants to be serious about its wetlands. It is important for all to observe the permitting process as it validates the process. Selective compliance and enforcement is unfair. If it is shown that we have only been half-enforcing the regulations, it will be difficult to deal with serious violations if they occur. We ask for everyone's cooperation in respecting the existing permitting process.

We are still trying to determine if a natural resource inventory is feasible and if so, the best way to go about it.

The conservation commission needs more members.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Shannon
Chairperson

KINSMAN VALLEY CLUB

A calendar for the activities of the Kinsman Valley Club scheduled to take place during 1992.

Club Meetings first Tuesday of each month

Meetings will be held at twelve noon at the Eastern Town Hall. Bring lunch, beverage and dessert will be served.

Should time and place change, members will be notified. To verify call 823-5309, 823-7175 or 823-5660.

Summer Fair Town Hall Saturday, August 8

Fire Wardens Supper Town Hall Thursday, October 22

Holiday Party Town Hall Saturday, December 12

All women residents of Easton are invited to join the Kinsman Valley Club which devotes its efforts to the betterment of the community and the establishment of congenial relationships throughout.

Other Important Dates

Town Election Day - 3:00 to 6:00 PM Tuesday, March 10

Town Meeting - 7:30 PM Tuesday, March 10

Memorial Day -10:00 AM Saturday, May 30

Firemens Muster Saturday, June 27

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

DATE & PLACE OF DEATH	NAME & SURNAME OF DECEASED	NAME & SURNAME OF FATHER	NAME & SURNAME OF MOTHER
January 7, 1991 Franconia, NH	David B. Glover	Robert C. Glover	Jenive Burlingham
February 24, 1991 Littleton, NH	Elayne Salan	Matthew Thompkins	Clara Cunningham
February 25, 1991 Easton, NH	Durand Cooley	Elra Cooley	Francella Brooks
April 6, 1991 Littleton, NH	Agnes J. Dickinson	Ezra Dickinson	Josephine Chamberlain
June 6, 1991 Easton, NH	Mary E. Schlegel	George Stewart	Edna Hartley
October 16, 1991 Littleton, NH	Edward P. Cutter, Jr.	Edward P. Cutter	Esther

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 1991**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
February 14, 1991 North Haverhill, NH	Terrence E. Paye, Jr. Brenda Locke Dellinger	North Haverhill, NH Easton, NH
October 6, 1991 Easton, NH	G.P. Campbell McLaren Pamela A. Dozier	Easton, NH Easton, NH

NOTES

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER

9-1-1

POLICE - FIRE

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

POLICE EMERGENCY

9-1-1

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT

Lynn Tomasetti 823-5607

FIRE WARDEN

Lynn Tomasetti 823-5607

TOWN CLERK'S HOURS

Tuesday Morning

10 AM - 12 Noon

Thursday Afternoon

4 PM - 6 PM

Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 1992

Up to date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER

is required in Easton to License a dog.

A \$15.00 Forfeit if not licensed by June 1st.

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